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ETHIOPIA

SPOKESMAN SCORES WESTERN SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS

LD221919Y Addis Ababa in Amharic to Neighboring Countries 1600 GMT 22 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] A spokesman for the Ministry of Information and National Guidance has announced that the suggestion made by representatives of the five West European countries who met in Washington, to the effect that the solution to the present conflict in the Horn of Africa should reached be through dialog, is a pretentious suggestion that is full of malice.

The spokesman also said that the measure is intended to give support to the reckless invasion that Somalia is carrying out against Ethiopia. The participants of the meeting were the United States, France, Britain, West Germany and Italy.

The spokesman emphasized that if these countries were genuinely honest and peace-loving, they would have asked Somalia to withdraw the troops it has deployed in Ethiopia for territorial invasion immediately. The spokesman said that if peace in the Horn of Africa is desired, the only thing to do is to withdraw Somalia's invading soldiers from Ethiopian territory.

The spokesman for the Ministry of Information and National Guidance disclosed that the outcome of the meeting held by the representatives of the five Western countries served only to abuse the international principle that safeguards the territorial integrity of nations and showed that the representatives have only attempted to internationalize the conflict.

FORCES ROUTE SOMALI SOLDIERS BESIEGING WELEBO

LD221924Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1700 GMT 22 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] It was disclosed today that members of the armed forces stationed in Shakiso in the Odo Subdistrict of Jemjem District of the Sidamo Administrative Region have routed the reactionary Mogadiscio government's soldiers deployed in several places in Jemjem District. This means that the soldiers of the Mogadiscio government who had encircled Welebo Township, situated 10 km from the town of Shakiso, have been entirely routed by the armed forces stationed in Shakiso, who have thereby restored peace to the township.

BERHANU BRIEFS PRESS ON RETURN FROM MADAGASCAR

LD201856Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1030 GMT 20 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Excerpts] Addressing a press conference at Bole International Airport on his return to Addis Ababa today, Comrade Maj Berhanu Baye, member of the standing committee of the Provisional Military Administrative Council [PMAC] in charge of foreign affairs, said his Madagascar mission was successful.

Comrade Major Berhanu said the Madagascar president has expressed concern over the invasion mounted against the revolution and territorial integrity of Ethiopia and had noted that the invasion is part of a plot against all progressive forces and governments. Comrade Major Berhanu added that he had given President Ratsiraka a detailed briefing on the invasion mounted against Ethiopia and on the imperialists' plot aimed at reversing not only the Ethiopian revolution but also those of neighboring countries. President Ratsiraka is well aware of the problem, he said.

Comrade Major Berhanu pointed out that President Ratsiraka expressed in no uncertain terms his concern over the invasion mounted against the Ethiopian revolution and territory. Comrade Major Berhanu went on to say that he made it clear to the president that there can be no question whatever of peace negotiations as long as troops of the reactionary Somali regime occupy Ethiopian territory. Ethiopia and Somalia can coexist peacefully as neighbors only when the Somali troops leave Ethiopian territory, he said. Comrade Major Berhanu said he had clearly advanced the Ethiopian stand that the territorial boundaries should be demarcated before Ethiopia sits down at the conference table with the Somali Government.

Comrade Major Berhanu said President Ratsiraka had assured him that he would continue his mediation efforts.

Comrade Maj Berhanu Baye said that President Ratsiraka is taking every possible step to halt the invasion of Ethiopia and that he had already sent delegates to Mogadiscio twice to urge the Somali Government to find a peaceful solution to the conflict and to change its stance.

Comrade Major Berhanu said that on his way to the Republic of Madagascar he stopped over in Nairobi, where he held talks with the Kenyan foreign minister on further strengthening the friendly relations between Kenya and Ethiopia, the coming meeting of the two countries' ministerial committee and, in particular, the reactionary Somali Government's intention to follow up its invasion of Ethiopia with an invasion of Kenya.

Comrade Major Berhanu Baye and his three-man high-ranking delegation were welcomed at Bole International Airport by Comrade Maj Endale Tessema, member of the PMAC standing committee in charge of public affairs; Col Dr Feleke Gedle-Giorgis, the foreign minister; and other officials.

GOVERNMENT DEMANDS WITHDRAWAL OF FRG AMBASSADOR

LD221120Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in English 1015 GMT 22 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the provisional military government of socialist Ethiopia today advised the embassy of the FRG that the FRG ambassador to Ethiopia, Dr Johann Christian Lankes, leaves Ethiopia within the next 24 hours.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed the FRG Embassy that the continued stay of Dr Lankes in Ethiopia has been found to be detrimental to the traditional relations existing between the two countries.

ADDIS: WAR SPLITS PEOPLE, REGIME IN SOMALIA

LD212344Y Addis Ababa in English to Neighboring Countries 1730 GMT 21 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] Diplomatic sources in Mogadiscio have said that Siad Barre of Somalia has decided not to withdraw the forces of invasion which he has deployed in eastern Ethiopia. The well-informed diplomatic sources pointed out that Siad Barre had been compelled into making the decision in view of the serious threat the return of the invading forces will pose to the regime within the country.

The same sources made note of the fact that the broad masses of Somalia do not in any way support the war of aggression being waged against Ethiopia by the Mogadiscio regime.

The diplomatic sources in Mogadiscio further pointed out that since Siad Barre's war of invasion is beyond the country's economic resources, the regime's adamant refusal to withdraw the invading forces is bound to subject the country and people to hardships and strains of intolerable proportions.

Noting that Siad Barre's war of invasion against Ethiopia is being covertly and overtly opposed by the broad masses of Somalia, the diplomatic sources emphasize that its continuation has created a major rift and strong antagonism between the people and the Siad Barre regime.

KAFFA ADMINISTRATOR KILLED IN ADDIS ABABA

LD211850Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1700 GMT 21 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Summary] Col Kassaye Mandefro, chief administrator of Kaffa Administrative Region, who was killed by hired assassins today, was buried at the revolutionaries' cemetery of St Joseph's Church in Addis Ababa this afternoon in the presence of members of the Provisional Military Administrative Council, ministers, senior military officers and thousands of people. Colonel Kassaye, who was buried with full military honors, is survived by a widow, four sons and a daughter. Colonel Kassaye was ambushed and killed in Addis Ababa while leaving his residence at 0815 today to attend a meeting.

TWO OFFICIALS ASSASSINATED IN GONDAR TOWN

LD211526Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1130 GMT 21 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Summary] Tariku Abera and Abera Kumssa were buried in the town of Gondar on Wednesday. They were assassinated there by anarchists on Tuesday.

Tariku Abera was an employee of the Ministry of National Community Development and inspector with the labor office in the town of Setit Humera. Comrade Abera Kumssa was accountant of urban dwellers association 17 of Gondar.

ADDIS REPORTS SURRENDER OF EDU MEN IN GONDAR

LD192027Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1030 GMT 19 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Summary] Two commanders of the left flank [grazmatches], Kebede Derso and Ashebre Wonda, who had engaged in banditry in the (Kiga) District of Gondar Province, deceived by the Ethiopian Democratic Union's cheap propaganda, have given themselves up to the district administrative office after appealing for clemency. They said that this was the only course left open to them after their bids to confuse the broad masses had failed. Ashebre Wonda said that he had held the rank of captain in the EDU.

TOP EPRP CAPTIVES CONFESS AT MASS MEETING

LD212010Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1900 GMT 21 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] Leading members of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party [EPRP], who were apprehended in the higher 1 zone of Addis Ababa, stated today that the self-styled fascist group calling itself the EPRP uses politically immature and oppressed young people for its anti-revolutionary campaign.

This was confirmed by leading members of the fascist EPRP group at a general meeting held at the St George Church compound in Addis Ababa today. The meeting was attended by over 15,000 young people from higher 1 zone in Addis Ababa.

The many leading members of the EPRP who have been captured include an EPRP commander or zone leader. This person has killed over six revolutionaries and has been a member of an EPRP committee responsible for coordinating subversive activities.

SOMALIA

WESTERN PROPOSALS FOR PEACE TALKS WELCOMED

LD221612Y Mogadiscio Domestic Service in Somali 1115 GMT 22 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] A spokesman for the Somali Government today welcomed the suggestion by the Western countries, who, at their meeting yesterday in Washington, suggested that the problem between the liberation movements and the Abyssinian regime be solved in a peaceful way.

The spokesman said that the Somali Government had always believed that the problems of the Horn of Africa should be solved in an African and peaceful way and this problem is a particularly African problem. The governments of the United States, Britain, France, Italy and West Germany hoped that the African countries would find a peaceful solution for the problem.

Somalia once again asks that foreign countries keep their hands off the problem because that is the only way to find a peaceful solution, said the spokesman. He said his government was ready to participate in any peaceful talks on the problem of the Horn of Africa, fully aware of her responsibility to be a good neighbor and to share in an African spirit.

MOGADISCIO PROTESTS ALLEGED OAU 'STATEMENT'

LD221620Y Mogadiscio Domestic Service in English 1100 GMT 22 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] The SDR [Somali Democratic Republic] Government yesterday sent a cable to the OAU current chairman, president of the Republic of Gabon, His Excellency el-Hadj Omar Bongo, requesting clarification over alleged statements [as heard] by the OAU Secretariat, released by the Addis Ababa radio.

The reports, according to a 20 January radio Addis broadcast, said that the OAU condemned Iran for interfering in African affairs. The statement allegedly condemned Iran and levelled attack and insult against that country for its internal policies as well as its support for Somalia.

The SDR Government cable said that though it may be skeptical about the veracity of reports emanating from Addis Ababa, this particular report, be it true or not, will have a damaging effect on the OAU as a continental organization faithfully serving in a positive manner the supreme interests of the African Continent and its people.

In the unlikely event of this information being factual, the SDR can only state that it was an irresponsible act on the part of the secretariat to adopt a political decision on behalf of the heads of state and governments of the organization and thereby abuse the mandate entrusted to them, the SDR cable said, and added that the administrative secretariat must therefore be made answerable to such a gross abuse of office and misinterpretation of facts, since the OAU has not adopted such shameless position.

The cable went on to say that the Somali Government, on its part, anticipates the deserved condemnation which it [word indistinct] Africa and indeed the world at large will be squarely directed at the Soviet Union, Cuba and their Eastern bloc allies for their unabashed and wanton interference in Africa's internal affairs, causing great havoc, bloodshed and destruction through their continuing provision of sophisticated weapons of war on a massive and unprecedented scale unheard of in Africa.

The naked hegemonistic ambitions and designs of the Soviet Union and its allies are clear for the whole world to see, the message said. It states that the real source of danger for African independence, security and progress is posed by this Russian hegemonistic design.

The statement also expressed Somali Government's suspicions over the extent of Soviet influence in the institutions located in the capital city of the country in which the Soviets exercise total control.

Unlike those of Soviet Cuba [as heard] and others, the motivations of Iran and those of other friendly countries and peoples in rendering us political support are within the limits of normal interstate cooperation, the message declared. It added that political manipulations of this nature are well known tactics of the Soviet Union and its allies and mercenaries, who hope to suppress all those whose (?conscience) resists against the perfidous Soviet plan of aggression of Somalia and other African countries in the area in order to insure realization of their dastardly aims with minimum international opposition and outcry.

Be it as it may, the OAU administrative secretary general is duty bound to furnish full explanation over the alleged statement on the issue. The Somali Government cable demanded and requested the OAU chairman to instruct the OAU administrative secretary general to circulate the cable to all OAU member states.

ENVOY SAYS WARSAW PACT TROOPS IN ETHIOPIA

TA201809Y Paris AFP in English 1735 GMT 20 Jan 78 TA

[Text] Nairobi, Jan 20 (AFP)--Between 5,000 and 6,000 Warsaw Pact troops are fighting alongside Ethiopian forces in Ethiopia, Somalia's charge d'affaires here said today.

Dahir Hussein Dirir said the communist-bloc forces came mainly from East Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

They were now integrated with between 7,000 and 8,000 Soviet troops, and Cubans numbering between 6,000-7,000, he said.

Mr Hussein Dirir said Ethiopian Head of State Mengistu Haile Mariam was now isolated from his people and even his bodyguards were Cuban.

The Somali diplomat told newsmen that the Soviet Union was orchestrating a plan of aggression designed to give them control of the (?entire) Gulf of Aden and oil routes from Iran, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

AMBASSADOR SCORES INTERFERENCE IN HORN OF AFRICA

LD201342Y Lusaka Domestic Service in English 1115 GMT 19 Jan 78 LD/CA

[Text] The Somali Government has called for an African solution to the Ogaden conflict in the face of the intensified foreign military interference in the Horn of Africa. The Somali ambassador to Zambia, Mr Michael Mariano, told a press conference in Lusaka this morning that foreign interference was increasing the dimensions of the war in a purely African conflict. He said that Somalia, as before, was advocating a peaceful solution to the Horn of Africa through the people involved--the Ethiopian Government and the various races in the Ogaden.

Mr Mariano pointed out that foreign powers had brought sophisticated weapons such as the MIG-21 and 23 bomber-fighters, heavy artillery of long range, guided missiles and other modern communications [as heard] to distort a simple situation which the two parties in conflict can solve on their own. He said at the moment his country had made an appeal for arms and military assistance from the United States of America, Britain, West Germany and Italy to counteract any attack by the destructive forces on the dignity, sovereignty and unity of Somalia. The ambassador said that at the rate the conflict was going, there existed a clear indication that the matter was no longer of the two parties involved but of superpowers fighting each other.

MOURNING ANNOUNCED FOR CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

LD221700Y Mogadiscio Domestic Service in Somali 0440 GMT 22 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Summary] The Somali Revolutionary Socialist Party [SRSP] decided last night to mourn for 3 days the death of Challe Brig Gen Ali Mattan Hashi, a member of the SRSP Central Committee, who died in Italy yesterday. The committee decided that the Somali flag should be flown at half-mast for a period of 3 days. The president of the Somali Democratic Republic, Challe Mohamed Siad Barre, sent a message of condolence to the family of the late Ali Mattan. The SRSP Central Committee also sent a message of condolence to the family of the deceased general.

UGANDA

AMIN THANKS USSR FOR ANTI-IMPERIALIST EFFORTS

LD212026Y Kampala Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 21 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Excerpts] Life President Idi Amin has [words indistinct] thanked the Soviet Union for her continued assistance to those people in Africa and the Middle East who are being oppressed by the imperialists and Zionists.

On behalf of the freedom fighters in Africa and the Palestinian people, the life president thanked the Soviet Union for giving aid to those people in order to defend themselves against their common enemies. The field marshal was speaking at Entebbe Airport, where he had gone to see a new Soviet plane, Antonov-22, which brought industrial and agricultural equipment and medicine.

The life president said that while the American and British imperialists and Zionists continue to arm the enemies of freedom fighters and Palestinian people, the Soviet Union stood by us in order to enable us to defeat the Zionists in the Middle East and the racist regimes of Vorster and rebel Ian Smith in southern Africa.

The field marshal said that Uganda on her part will never allow any country which is brainwashed by the imperialists and Zionists to condemn the Soviet Union in any international conferences. He observed that the arms the Soviet Union gives to the oppressed people enable them to protect their lives and property of their people against the imperialists and Zionists. He assured the Soviet Union that their best friend in the African continent is himself and the people of Uganda.

The president warned those countries who think the Americans are their (?superiors) to think very seriously about what the Zionists in Israel, Premier Begin and his foreign minister, Moshe Dayan, declared. They said Israel will never (?withdraw from) Sinai and will not accept an Arab government in Palestine.

He reminded those who hold discussions with the Zionists that such talks [words indistinct] will never bear fruit because the Zionists can never be trusted.

He called on the Soviet Union to come to the rescue of the Arab people who are suffering at the hands of the Zionists who want to expand their land by grabbing more Arab land. He said that (?it is useless) to give the Zionists good hospitality in Cairo and Ismailia. When those who come with the journalists to cover the talks should be the very Zionists to destroy the Arab people. [as heard]

IDI AMIN WELCOMES, CAUTIONS FOREIGN NEWSMEN

LD192025Y Kampala Domestic Service in English 1900 GMT 19 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Excerpt] The life president told the elders that when foreign journalists come to Uganda they should tell them the truth about the country, so that when they go back, they report correctly about Uganda. He cautioned them to guard against some bogus journalists who purposely come to Uganda to get nothing but (?specialized false information) from Uganda, and when they go back to their respective countries they write distorted stories about Uganda.

Dr Amin observed that journalists are financially broke and only come to Uganda to look for false stories which can fetch them money easily.

In this connection, the life president said that from now on all foreign journalists representing international news media like the BBC, REUTER, UPI and others are free to base their correspondents in Uganda, provided they obtain accreditation and clearance from Uganda's ministers of information and broadcasting and that of foreign affairs before they enter the country.

FINANCE MINISTER ALI MAKES POLICY STATEMENT

LD192010Y Kampala Domestic Service in English 1615 GMT 19 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] The minister of finance, Brig Moses Ali, has dismissed as nonsense the rumor which has been going on that the government is going to change the currency of the country.

Presenting his ministry's policy statement to the national forum, Brig Moses Ali appealed to the members of the public not to withdraw their money in panic from banks due to this rumor. Brig Moses Ali explained to the members of the forum that the 11 billion shillings to be used to implement the action program will be raised locally and from the country and institutions abroad. In this connection, the minister appealed to Ugandans to tighten their belts by working harder to meet this challenge. He told the delegates that the oil situation has not improved since 1966, as the nation is still transporting her fuel by lorries, which is very costly.

He lashed at Ugandans who are smuggling Uganda's fuel and other goods across the borders. He said the government is doing its best to import a lot of goods. Due to transport problems many of these goods are tied up in Mombasa, hence the escalation of the present shortage. At present, the minister said, more than 300 vehicles are stranded in Mombasa.

AMIN ADDRESSES CLOSING SESSION OF NATIONAL FORUM

LD211540Y Kampala Domestic Service in English 1400 GMT 21 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Summary] President Amin closed the National Forum yesterday. In a speech at the closing session, he expressed satisfaction with the success of the forum's deliberations.

"He said that most kondos [robbers] in Uganda today come from countries which are jealous of our progress and smuggle arms to Uganda to cause bloodshed.

"Al-Hajji Amin also appealed to all Ugandans not to spoil the good name of members of the Uganda armed forces by writing distorted stories in international mass media in countries like Kenya, Tanzania, Britain and America, saying that Uganda is weak militarily. The life president wondered as to whether such bogus Ugandans who destroyed the good name of the armed forces want to bring the British and the U.S. Army, who were shamefully defeated in Vietnam, to come and guard them. He urged all Ugandans to avoid being confused by imperialist masters who dream even during daytime that they will one day come to Uganda."

President Amin urged delegates to the forum to build houses and told them that there were sound investments.

"He told the elders to advise those Ugandans who have run away to realize that Uganda is forging ahead in various aspects. He said Ugandan exiles are in problems because no country can give them employment priorities before it considers its nationals.

"On firearms, Life President Amin expressed disappointment with mafuta mingi [enterprising businessmen] who collaborate with ex-soldiers to go at night and kill their fellow mafuta mingi who might prove to be more progressive. He pointed out that some of these people have already been arrested and await military tribunal.

"Dr Amin also disclosed that some security personnel also collaborated with kondos in night robbery. He stressed that if such collaborators are found out they will be tracked down. He said that it was for this reason that the Ministry of Internal Affairs decided to withdraw firearms from people. He, however, pointed out that should these firearms be given back, in future they should be utilized for game hunting only.

"President Amin said international intelligence agencies, like the CIA, buy Ugandan exiles to give information about Uganda. He said such agencies even go to the extent of buying professionals like teachers, doctors, lawyers and engineers from Uganda. Dr Amin reiterated that such international intelligence agencies will never succeed in their objectives in Uganda.

"He appealed to the elders to share their long experience with the young by giving them advice. He wished the delegates a safe journey home."

FORUM HEARS PROPOSAL ON DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

LD211928 [Editorial Report LD/EA] Kampala Domestic Service in English at 1400 GMT on 21 January 1978 in its news bulletin carries a 65-minute report on the proceedings of the National Forum, which ended yesterday. The report included a review of the resolutions adopted and recommendations advanced by the four forum subcommittees. The four committees had reviewed the sphere of competence of each individual ministry and recommended ways in which their services could be improved.

The Central Economic Committee, having discussed the question of the future of the abandoned buildings now being managed by the departed Asians' property custodian board, recommends that:

"The buildings should be disposed of by sales to government ministries, local authorities, parastatal bodies and private citizens as soon as possible.

"Buildings to be sold to private citizens should exclude those which government or other public authorities, such as city council, municipalities and town councils or parastatal organizations. [as heard]

"While selling the buildings to private citizens, priority should be given to the existing tenant of the building being sold."

"In selling these buildings to private citizens, due care should be taken to insure that no one individual will buy directly or indirectly more than one building.

"The committee further recommends that the committee composed of the ministries of Housing and Public Buildings, Commerce, Land and Water Resources, Provincial Administration, Defense, Internal Affairs and Justice be set up to effect the sale and supervision of the buildings.

IDI AMIN WELCOMES LIBYAN MILITARY DELEGATION

LD221954Y Kampala Domestic Service in English 1900 GMT 22 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] President Amin has received a special message from the leader of the Libyan Jamahiriyah, President Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi. The message was handed to him at Entebbe by the leader of the Libyan military delegation that has arrived to join Ugandans in celebrating the seventh anniversary of military administration.

Dr Amin told the delegation that he was very happy to meet them. He asked them to feel at home during their stay in Uganda, adding that they should consider Uganda as their second home.

Field Marshal Amin also paid special tribute to the Libyan leader for the assistance his country is giving to Uganda. He stressed that the role played by the soldiers from the Libyan Jamahiriyah in 1972 when Tanzania invaded Uganda was a vivid indication of the excellent relations enjoyed by our sister countries.

The president had earlier posed for a group photograph with the delegation.

BURUNDI

PRESIDENT BAGAZA DISMISSES PARTY OFFICIALS

LD201546Y Bujumbura Domestic Service in French 1100 GMT 20 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] Here is an order from the presidency of the republic dismissing the members of the Party Bureau:

His Excellency Jean-Baptiste Bagaza, president of the Supreme Revolutionary Council and president of the Republic of Burundi, has just decided to dismiss the members of the Party Bureau from their functions.

This decision is to correct certain errors noted and denounced during seminars and other study meetings organized by the party in order to [words indistinct]. The state of mind which has reigned within the Party Bureau has seriously handicapped its normal running.

Measures aimed at a better organization and structure of party organs and allied movements will be announced later.

CONGO

HUNGARY'S PUJA SPEAKS BEFORE LEAVING CONGO

LD201736Y Brazzaville Domestic Service in French 1215 GMT 20 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Summary] Hungarian Foreign Minister Frigyes Puja left Brazzaville for Luanda this morning after an official visit to the Congo.

Speaking to Brazzaville Radio reporters shortly before his departure, Puja said that his talks with Congolese leaders centered on the need to strengthen bilateral relations and on the question of opening a Hungarian Embassy in Brazzaville. The talks also covered the need to promote world detente, peace and cooperation, to combat imperialist activities and to support African liberation movements. There was an identity of views on all points.

During Minister Puja's visit it was decided that Hungary will assist the Congo in agricultural development.

Budapest Cites Communique

LD221856Y Budapest MTI in English 1709 GMT 22 Jan 78 LD

["Joint Communique Hungary-Congo"]

[Text] Budapest, 22 Jan MTI--Foreign Minister Frigyes Puja of the Hungarian People's Republic, having concluded his visit to the People's Republic of Congo, has been staying since Friday--as it is known--in the next station of his Africa tour: Angola.

Saturday a joint communique was released about his visit to the People's Republic of Congo, in which the concerned sides declare definite support for the people engaged in fight against racial hatred and colonial slavery, and denounce international imperialism which--in order to retrieve lost positions--is resorting to every sort of strategem in an attempt to break up the progressive governments of the African countries.

The negotiating sides examined what concrete steps should be taken to solidify and promote the contacts between Hungary and Congo. They agreed that an embassy of the Hungarian People's Republic should be opened in Brazzaville and Hungarian help should be provided for the development of agriculture in the People's Republic of Congo.

The foreign minister of the Hungarian People's Republic was received by Joachim Yhombi-Opango, president of the republic and other leaders of the country--reads the communique.

NIGER

COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI ARRIVES FOR NIGER VISIT

PA221803Y Paris AFP in English 1753 GMT 22 Jan 78 PA

[Text] Niamey, Niger, Jan 22 (AFP)--Libyan leader Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi arrived here today on an official three-day visit to Niger.

Colonel al-Qadhdhafi said his visit was aimed at boosting cooperation between Libya and Niger.

Among those greeting him on arrival was William Eteki Mboumova, secretary-general of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), (?who) is on a tour of draught-hit Western African countries.

Al-Qadhdhafi Dinner Address

PA231315Y Paris AFP in English 1156 GMT 23 Jan 78 PA

[Text] Niamey, Jan 23 (AFP)--Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, Libyan leader, today condemned foreign interference in African affairs--citing the Western Sahara and Horn of Africa conflicts--and said his country had the material means to influence the course of events.

Col. al-Qadhdhafi was speaking at an official dinner here last night at the end of the first day of his official visit to Niger.

He condemned Western countries, particularly France, for intervening in African affairs and attacked those who believe they can return to the colonial period.

He also said Libya was ready any time to cooperate with its Chadian brothers. He said there was nothing to prevent such cooperation.

He hoped that the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) and certain African leaders would ensure that the problems supposed to exist between Chad and Libya were resolved.

(Chad has accused Libya of occupying its northern Aouzou strip and supporting Chad rebels. Libya maintains sovereignty over the region under an old colonial agreement between Italy and France, which then ruled respectively over Libya and Chad.)

Among guests at last night's dinner was OAU Secretary-General William Eteki Mboumova.

Meanwhile it was learned here today that France is to give Niger 14 lorries for the country's armed forces.

NIGERIA

GARBA SAYS AFRICA MISTRUSTS ZIMBABWE MEDIATORS

LD211826Y Lagos International Service in English 1530 GMT 21 Jan 78 LD

[Text] Africa will never trust any foreign powers as mediators in the situation in Zimbabwe until the territory achieves independence.

This was stated by Nigeria's commissioner for external affairs, Brig Joseph Garba, while addressing newsmen at Murtala Mohammed Airport in Lagos today before he left for New York to attend the meeting of the Security Council.

The commissioner said that Nigeria, as the current chairman of the Security Council, expressed two principles in connection with the situation in Zimbabwe. These are the principles of one-man, one-vote and that forces of the liberation movement be the nucleus of (?security). Brigadier Garba explained that Nigeria had insisted on those two principles in pursuance of her commitment to the liberation of any African country deprived of her liberty.

SENEGAL

FRENCH COOPERATION MINISTER ARRIVES IN DAKAR

PA201921Y Paris AFP in French 1525 GMT 20 Jan 78 PA

[Text] Dakar, 20 Jan (AFP)--French Cooperation Minister Robert Galley arrived on Friday morning in Dakar for a 2-day visit to Senegal. The visit is primarily related to the effects of the drought suffered by Senegal this year.

Galley was received in the morning by Senegalese Prime Minister Abdou Diouf and will go in the afternoon to Diourbel, in midwestern Senegal, where he will be received by Senegalese President Leopold-Sedar Senghor.

The French cabinet minister will visit villages in north Senegal on Saturday.

UPPER VOLTA

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ADOPTS NEW ELECTORAL LAWS

PA201940Y Paris AFP in French 1136 GMT 20 Jan 78 PA

[Text] Ouagadougou, 20 Jan (AFP)--The Council of Ministers of Upper Volta on Wednesday adopted a draft law and a draft decree concerning the election of deputies to the future National Assembly and the election of the president of the republic, respectively.

Information Minister Edouard Tani, who as spokesman for the government explained the essentials of the draft law, said on Thursday that deputies to the National Assembly will be elected by direct universal suffrage under a system of proportional representation with electoral quotas being based on ratios. Electoral districts will be established by departments. (There will be a total of 10 for the entire country.)

The minister said that the draft law provides for 57 National Assembly seats. Candidates must be at least 25 years old in the election year.

Regarding the election of the president of the republic, the government spokesman said that the draft decree stipulates that a presidential candidate must have reached 40 years of age. Candidates may participate as independents or as the representatives of political parties or groups. Candidates must deposit a bond of 1 million CFA francs, which is reimbursable if the candidate obtains over 25 (?percent) of the votes cast.

ANGOLA

NETO CITED AS SAYING RIFT WITH ZAIRE 'NOW OVER'

PA201453Y Paris AFP in English 1416 GMT 20 Jan 78 PA

[Text] Lagos, Jan 20 (AFP)--The rift between Angola and Zaire which began during the Angolan independence struggle is now over, the Nigerian independent newspaper, THE PUNCH, reported here today.

The newspaper said this was disclosed yesterday by Angolan President Agostinho Neto in an airport interview just before he returned [words indistinct] after a five-day state visit to Nigeria.

This is a change because, on both sides, there is desire for explanations and understanding, Mr Neto noted. He, however, (?noted) that Angola would never go to the conference table with an organisation to negotiate the secession of the Cabinda Province, a reference to the Cabinda Enclave Liberation Front.

We absolutely have no reason to have talks with bandits and puppets who have set up governments outside Angola. Why should we?

On the southern African liberation struggle, President Neto said his country [words indistinct] problems with South African forces attacking Angolan southern borders daily.

HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA ARRIVES IN LUANDA

LD202022Y Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 20 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Summary] Hungarian Foreign Minister Frigyes Puja arrived in Luanda this afternoon for an official visit to Angola.

Holds Talks

LD211514Y Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 21 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] Comrade Frigyes Puja, minister of foreign affairs in the Hungarian People's Republic, who is leading a government delegation of officials from his own ministry and those of the education and foreign trade ministries, held talks in Luanda this morning with a delegation from the Angolan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

LUANDA CITES NATIONALIZATION OF THREE MORE FIRMS

LD211850Y Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1500 GMT 21 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] According to today's JORNAL DE ANGOLA, three more private firms operating in our country have been nationalized. These firms had been abandoned by their management bodies.

The Angolan company Alvos Ferreira Olfa, based in Huambo, has been taken over by the National Directorate for Industry and Energy, and Olfa Reparadora, which is also based in Huambo, now comes under the control of the Ministry of Transport of Cuanza Sul. The Agro-Tecnica firm will now be managed by the intervention commission of the construction materials department of Benguela Province.

COMORO ISLANDS

ISLANDERS DEMAND TRIAL OF ALLEGED PLOTTERS

LD221930Y Dar es Salaam in English to East Africa 1600 GMT 22 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Excerpt] Moroni--Thousands of Comoro Islanders have demanded severe punishment for a group of alleged plotters accused of planning a coup 2 weeks ago. The state radio said today the islanders, who have been flocking by boat to Moroni, the capital of the archipelago, want a public meeting to judge and sentence those arrested on suspicion of planning to assassinate President Ali Soilih.

The three leading suspects are the press attache at the presidential palace, a major Moroni property-owner and a local college professor. They are alleged to haved to have offered two soldiers, one of them a presidential bodyguard, more than 30,000 shillings to kill the president.

MOZAMBIQUE

PATRIOTIC FRONT TO MEET WITH OWEN 30 JANUARY

LD202000Y Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 20 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] The Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe has accepted the British proposal that talks be held between British Foreign Secretary David Owen and the front's leaders in Malta on 30 January.

The decision was announced to the press in Maputo this afternoon by one of the coleaders of the Patriotic Front, Robert Mugabe.

Commenting on the decision, Mugabe told the journalists that the Patriotic Front was going to Malta to discuss the transfer of power to the majority and that the question of a ceasefire would be discussed only later.

The Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe had previously proposed that the Malta meeting be held on 26 January, but British officials said that David Owen could not participate on that date owing to prior commitments.

Mugabe Gives Details

LD211454Y Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 0430 GMT 21 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] The coleader of the Patriotic Front, Robert Mugabe, has stated that the talks with British Foreign Secretary David Owen, scheduled to be held in Malta on 30 January, do not signify any slackening of the armed struggle in Zimbabwe. Mugabe made this statement in order to disabuse certain bodies of international public opinion which think that the objective of the Malta meeting is the negotiation of a cease-fire.

We are not fighting to achieve a cease-fire. We are fighting, granted, but we are fighting for a political change--in other words, the total transfer of power, the nationalist leader said.

In this regard, Robert Mugabe indicated that in Malta the Patriotic Front would discuss with David Owen the mechanisms of the transfer of power from the colonial power, Britain, to the Zimbabwean people through their sole representative, the Patriotic Front.

FRELIMO ENVOY MEETS WITH SED OFFICIAL IN BERLIN

LD212134Y Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 0430 GMT 21 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Summary] Oscar Monteiro, FRELIMO organization secretary and minister of state at the presidency, was received by a Socialist Unity Party [SED] Politburo member in Berlin yesterday. "The two officials discussed the steps that should be taken to broaden the political, economic and ideological relations between the two parties and states. They reiterated their solidarity with and support for national liberation movements in southern Africa."

RHODESIA

SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCES 'SAFE RETURN PROGRAM'

LD231100Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1745 GMT 20 Jan 78 LD/CA

[Text] A government spokesman issued the following statement this evening:

In accordance with the Rhodesian Government's present settlement initiative, the security forces were authorised some time ago to put into effect a safe return program for terrorists who wished to return to Rhodesia in peace. (?Tactical) safe return programs have been implemented from time to time over the years, but this is the first such offer to be presented on a national basis. Recent intelligence indicates that there is a considerable degree of disillusionment amongst the terrorist rank and file. It is apparent that this disillusionment has stemmed from a lack of confidence in the terrorist leaders, a growing belief that the present settlement talks will in fact succeed and a lowering of terrorist morale in some areas as a result of security forces operations, as evidenced by terrorist surrenders during the past few weeks. Consequently, steps have been taken to inform the terrorists that if they return in peace their lives will not be in danger. They have also been told how to take advantage of this offer of amnesty.

The government intends to pursue this program with the utmost vigor in order to reduce bloodshed and return the country to normality as speedily as possible. However, it must be understood that this in no way implies a slackening of resolve to prosecute the war with all the force at the government's command against those who ignore this offer. To this end the mission of our security forces remains clear--to eliminate every terrorist who continues to fight and terrorize the people of Rhodesia.

AFP Report

PA210409Y Paris AFP in English 0353 GMT 20 Jan 78 PA

[Excerpts] Salisbury, Jan 20 (AFP)--The Rhodesian Government, Friday night, offered an amnesty to nationalist guerrillas who have been infiltrating the country for the past five years in the insurgent war.

Steps have been taken to inform the guerrillas that if they return in peace their lives will not be in danger, the statement said.

It did not say whether conditions were attached to the amnesty, seen here as a major concession to two of the internal leaders, Bishop Abel Muzorewa and Ndabaningi Sithole, who are holding peace talks with Premier Ian Smith and who have sought such an amnesty for nationalist guerrillas.

Observers believe that until the amnesty terms are spelled out by the government, there is a danger of a white backlash, especially among those whites whose relatives and friends have been killed in the war.

The statement did not say whether guerrillas who have entered the country and who have killed people would be granted a full pardon. The amnesty, observers believed, was a bid to pre-empt the planned meeting in Malta later this month between British Foreign Secretary David Owen and guerrilla leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe.

ZANU Criticizes Amnesty

LD211834Y Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1700 GMT 21 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] Simon Muzenda, vice president of ZANU, one of the leaders of the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe, made a statement today on the declaration by the illegal Government of Rhodesia on the safe passage home for all nationlists, who will not be arrested.

Simon Muzenda described this so-called amnesty by the Smith government as an empty and shameless gesture.

Speaking to the Voice of Zimbabwe, the Zimbabwean leader also said that one could only speak about the amnesty after the defeat of Smith and after the people of Zimbabwe are in power.

The so-called amnesty of Ian Smith was announced in Salisbury today and according to international agencies it is an outcome of the so-called internal talks with the puppets. The so-called amnesty would serve to give credibility to the puppets Muzorewa, Sithole and Chirau, observers say.

AFP Reports Rejection

PA211256Y Paris AFP in English 1243 GMT 21 Jan 78 PA

[Excerpt] Maputo, Mozambique, Jan 21 (AFP)--Guerrilla leader Robert Mugabe's faction of black nationalists infiltrating Rhodesia from Mozambique rejected outright here today the amnesty offer made by Premier Ian Smith's government.

Quoting Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) Vice President Simon Muzenda, Radio Voice of Zimbabwe said in a radio broadcast that the only way for "terrorist Smith" to offer an amnesty would be for him and the white minority regime "to resign lock, stock and barrel."

NUF Expresses Support

LD212034Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1745 GMT 21 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] The National Unifying Force [NUF] says that it has always recommended a safe-return policy toward terrorists to lay down their arms within the correct political circumstances.

One of the NUF vice presidents, Mr Lance Reynolds, told IANA today that the party supports the government's latest move regarding the offer of amnesty.

However, he stressed that the NUF sees this as a purely military matter which does not have the large political ingredients that would make it a proper safe-return program. Mr Reynolds added: The moment for this is when the nationalist leaders can sincerely state that the cause for the war has been removed.

Johannesburg: Many Accept

LD211252Y Johannesburg International Service in English 1100 GMT 21 Jan 78 LD

[Excerpt] The Rhodesian Government amnesty to terrorists wishing to return home in peace has already met with some success. The amnesty, the first to be made on a national basis, was announced in a government statement last night. A government source said that a considerable number of men had already accepted the safe return pledge.

News Ban Imposed

PA221814Y Paris AFP in English 1809 GMT 22 Jan 78 PA

[Text] Salisbury, Jan 22 (AFP)--The Rhodesian Government has imposed a news blackout on its amnesty offer to nationalist guerrillas.

Deputy Information Minister Andre Holland said that the ban was imposed in the national interest and after consultations involving the armed forces supreme commander, Gen Peter Walls.

It is absolutely essential that the terrorists who are likely to respond to the offer are given the opportunity to do so, he said. The government is fully aware that people are concerned and are waiting for vital questions to be answered, but the time is not opportune, he added.

The NATIONAL SUNDAY MAIL was the first newspaper to be affected by the ban which bars publication of views on the amnesty announced last Friday. The amnesty is open to guerrillas who renounce war. But it did not say whether it applied to guerrillas known to have committed killings during their five-year-old war against government troops.

SMITH TELLS BRITAIN TO 'GET OFF RHODESIA'S BACK'

LD211956Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1745 GMT 21 Jan 78 LD/EA

[Text] The prime minister, Mr Ian Smith, has called on the British Government to search its conscience and get off Rhodesia's back. Speaking at the inauguration of (Chikangwiza) Urban Council in Salisbury today, Mr Smith, accused the British foreign secretary, Dr Owen, of ignoring the Rhodesian Governments attempt to comply with the original five principles. He said: [Smith--begin recording]

Dr Owen speaks of international acceptance, but what he really means is Russian acceptance, and we all know that Russia has nothing to gain from a peaceful solution in Rhodesia. In these circumstances, it behoves all of us, black and white Rhodesians, to close our ranks, to fight with determination all those outside who are trying to dictate to us who our future rulers should be.

In this spirit I call on the British Government to refrain from decrying our present efforts and from attempting to frustrate their success. Above all, I call on them to search their own conscience and to reassess whether they should support the peaceful and peace-loving people of Rhodesia or the terrorists, to whose dastardly deeds they so conveniently turned a blind eye. I call on them once more, as I have done in the past, to get off our backs and top hindering the progress of our country to peace and prosperity. [end recording]

The (Chikangwiza) Urban Council was today officially opened by the minister of local government and housing, Mr Irvine, as the first urban council in Rhodesia in which the local African population will assume full responsibility in running their own affairs.

SALISBURY COMMENTS ON U.S. AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS

LD201150Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1610 GMT 19 Jan 78 LD/CA

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] The U.S. ambassador to the Court of St James has given a new and refreshing insight into American thinking on Rhodesia. An overnight REUTER report from London quotes the ambassador, Mr Kingman Brewster, as saying that it doesn't matter where a solution to the Rhodesian problem comes from as long as it provides for free and fair elections and commands enough respect to achieve a cease-fire and avert civil war.

This would have been a remarkable enough statement if it had come from any American official. Mr Kingman Brewster is not just any official. He holds what must be very nearly the most important U.S. diplomatic post abroad. Certainly it is a post in which he would be especially well briefed on his government's thinking on Rhodesia in particular. Moreover, he made these remarks to commonwealth and diplomatic writers, a specialist and influential audience, so it is an obvious assumption that he would be most careful to express the Carter administration's view of the matter.

Nor is it without interest that the ambassador spoke at a time when reports were (?again current) that the British foreign secretary, Dr Owen, is preparing to meet the Nkomo-Mugabe faction again--and in Nairobi [as heard] of all places. It is more than a little strange that Dr Owen should be willing to go all the way back to Nairobi for this meeting so soon after being on holiday in Kenya. Indeed, the world may well wonder how far a British foreign secretary is prepared to bow to the demands of terrorists.

It may also wonder if in London yesterday Mr Kingman Brewster was not in fact quite deliberately flying a signal to Dr Owen, for it is clearly possible that the United States, despite its endorsement of the British-American plan, is not as committed to the Nkomo-Mugabe interest as the British Government has shown itself to be and is ready to say so. There doesn't seem to be any other reason why the American ambassador should choose to speak in such terms at such a time.

Rhodesians, white and black, must hope that it is so and that Dr Owen and his colleagues in Whitehall will stop and heed. For if one thing is sure, it is that the only way to a settlement that will hold and will safeguard the interests of all is the way of patient negotiation in Rhodesia and among Rhodesians.

GOVERNMENT MODIFIES LAW ON MILITARY DRAFT

LD201138Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 0400 GMT 20 Jan 78 LD/CA

[Text] A spokesman for the Ministry of Manpower and Social Affairs today announced modifications to the National Service Act. The modifications are designed to clarify the position for immigrants and former residents regarding their liability to register for call-up. Any male who lives permanently in Rhodesia or who has lived in Rhodesia for a continuous period of 6 months is now defined as a resident and is therefore liable to join the security forces. The spokesman pointed out that there is no change in the requirement that residents between the ages of 16 and 50 years register within 30 days of acquiring that status. However, provision is being made for the minister to grant exemption from the requirement to register.

In the future, a resident will lose his resident status only if he leaves Rhodesia with the intention of departing permanently and is absent for a continuous period of 12 months or more. A resident who leaves Rhodesia with the intention of departing permanently and returns within 12 months will not lose his resident status. The spokesman said that on the resident's return he will be in exactly the same position regarding liability for call-up as when he left.

A former resident, who because of a continuous absence of 12 months or more has lost his resident status, will be required to reregister only when he qualifies as a resident under the new definition. The spokesman emphasised, however, that former residents will not automatically qualify for the 2-year exemption at present granted to new immigrants. There will be no change for the immigrant who becomes a resident for the first time and who is required to register in terms of the act within 30 days of attaining resident status.

BORDER TOWN ATTACKED BY MORTAR FIRE FROM ZAMBIA

TA230839Y Paris AFP in English 0732 GMT 23 Jan 78 TA

[Text] Salisbury, Jan 23 (AFP)--The Rhodesian border town and tourist resort of Kariba was attacked with mortar fire and a rocket barrage from Zambia last night, but there were no casualties and only minor damage was caused, a Combined Headquarters communique announced here today.

It was the second attack on the Kariba holiday resort since June 17 last year when an African civilian had been injured in the shelling from Zambian territory, shortly after President Kenneth Kaunda had declared his country to be "at war with Rhodesia."

Yesterday's attack has been described by the official communique as "unprovoked"--it started shortly before 1700 GMT and lasted about 25 minutes.

There have been several border incidents between Rhodesia and Zambia along the Zambesi River since 1976. Most incidents occurred in the vicinity of the holiday resort of Victoria Falls where a luxury hotel, "the Elephant Hills Country Club," was destroyed by fire on November 2 after a rocket attack.

Meanwhile the 100-member Rhodesian Guild of Journalists issued a statement on Sunday deploring the government's latest censorship clampdown which prevents reporting of all news and comment relating to the newly-announced amnesty offer to guerrillas outside Rhodesia.

The chairman of the guild, Mr Michael Hartnack, said in the statement that the "guild deplores the attempt by the authorities to suppress the publication not of facts but of views and comments expressed within the decencies of controversy and without breaking the massive provisions of the law and order maintenance act, the banned organizations act and many other laws."

SOUTH AFRICA

VORSTER REFUSES TO SUBMIT TO OUTSIDE DEMANDS

LD222222Y Johannesburg International Service in English 2100 GMT 22 Jan 78 LD

[Text] The South African prime minister, Mr John Vorster, says his government will not allow the outside world to dictate to it either now or in the future.

Mr Vorster said in a radio interview that his government had received a mandate in the last general election which had shown that the voters overwhelmingly rejected outside interference in South Africa's affairs. He said the government would act in terms of this mandate.

The prime minister said legislation to bring about constitutional changes to give parliamentary representation to the members of the Asian and colored groups in South Africa would not be introduced during the coming parliamentary session in Cape Town. He said there would have to be further consultation with the groups in question and it would take legal experts a long time to draft the necessary legislation which would probably come before parliament next year.

The leader of the opposition in the South African parliament, Colin Eglin of the Progressive Federal Party, was also interviewed and said that during the parliamentary session his party would concentrate on what it believed to be the true issues facing South Africa. These were race relations and the whole race problem, the restructuring of South Africa's political life, economic matters and unemployment, and threats of violence to the country from outside and from within.

UNITA CLAIMS KILLING OF CUBAN, ANGOLAN SOLDIERS

LD211236Y Johannesburg International Service in English 0300 GMT 21 Jan 78 LD

[Text] The Angolan UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] movement says it has killed about 500 Cuban and Angolan soldiers in fighting in the central region of Angola during the past few months. A UNITA spokesman said that about 9,000 Cuban troops took part in the attacks by President Neto's government forces, launched from (Wapo) and Lubango. Fifty UNITA soldiers died in the fighting.

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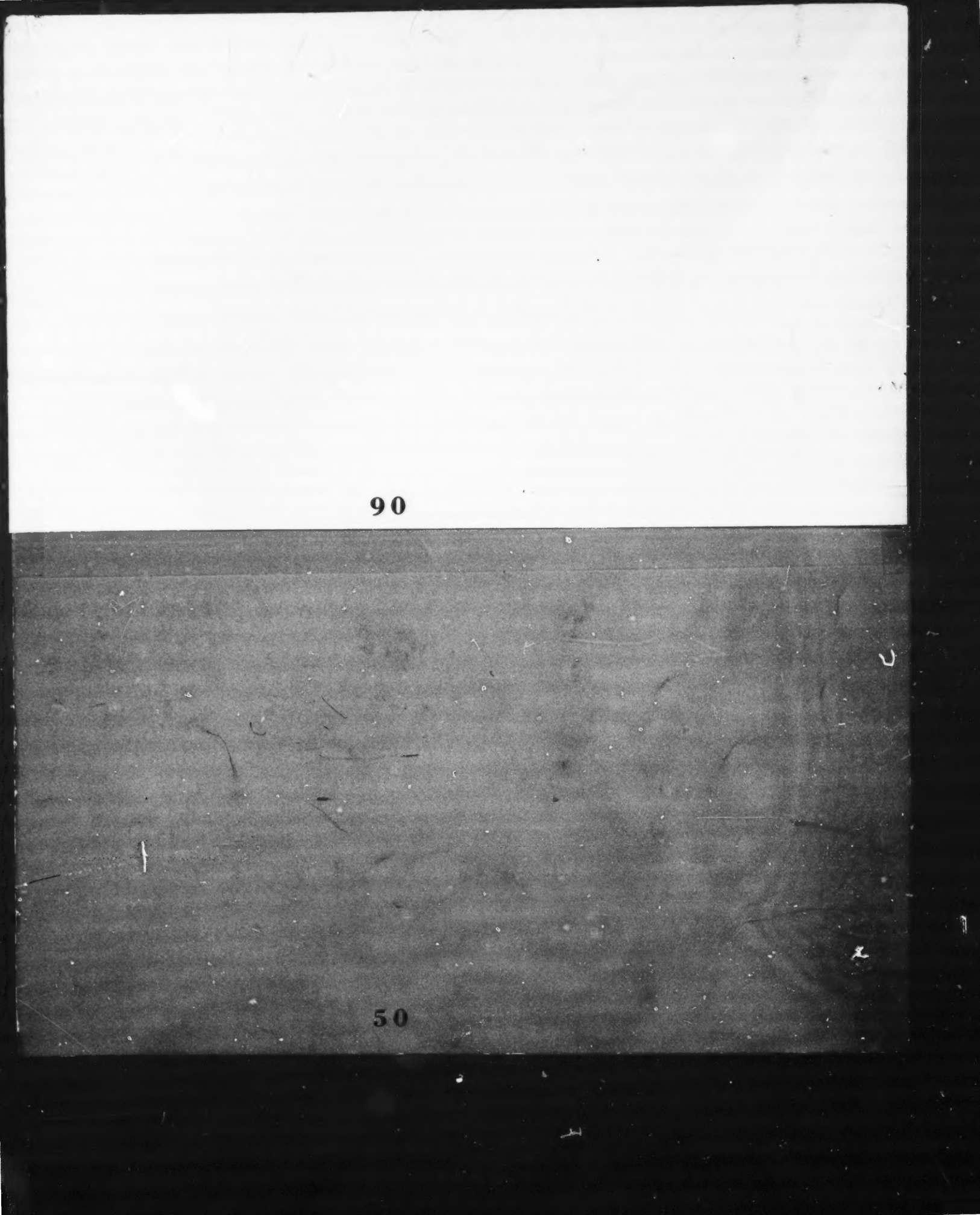
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